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SUBJ: COORDINATION WITH THE FRENCH ON ENERGY MATTERS FEB 3

1. DURING CALL BY ECON OFFICER, JEAN SCHLEICH, MFA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
COMMENTED THAT COORDINATION WITH THE FRENCH ON ENERGY
MATTERS IS TOO CUMBERSOME. HE VIEWS THE CURRENT SYSTEM
OF COORDINATION AS PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THE FRENCH
AND LEADING TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF US INTENTIONS AS
WITNESSED BY OUR RECENT REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING PRIOR
CONDITIONS FOR THE CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE. UNDER THE
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PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, WITH FRENCH REMAINING OUTSIDE THE

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IEA, SCHLEICH BELIEVES THERE ARE TOO MANY INTERMEDIARIES.
THE FRENCH ARE ABLE TO USE PRELIMINARY EC COORDINATING SESSIONS
TO MISREPRESENT OR MISINTERPRET US INTENTIONS. AS A RESULT,
TOO MUCH TIME IS SPENT FINDING OUT EVERYONE'S INTERPRETATION
OF WHO SAID WHAT.

2. AS LONG AS THE US IS PROPOSING NEW SUBGROUPS (I.E., THE
INVESTMENT SUBGROUP), SCHLEICH BELIEVES WE SHOULD CONSIDER
ESTABLISHING A SUBGROUP FOR COORDINATION OF ENERGY MATTERS
WITH THE FRENCH. SCHLEICH,WHO IS AWARE OF US PREFERENCE FOR
USING DAVIGNON AS THE PRIMARY CHANNEL FOR IEA-FRENCH COORD-
INATION, SAYS THAT THE LOCUS OF THIS SUBGROUP (WHETHER ATTACHED
TO OECD OR SEPARATE) IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN SITTING THE FRENCH
DOWN IN THE SAME FORUM WITH US AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE EC. IT IS ONLY IN THIS WAY, HE BELIEVES, THAT THE FRENCH
CAN BE PREVENTED FROM PLAYING THEIR CURRENT AMBIVALENT GAME
REGARDING ENERGY COOPERATION.TARNOFF

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